

**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
COUNTY COUNCIL MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING
MAY 7, 2008 9:00 A.M.**

PRESENT: Chairman J. Matthew Rivers, Vice-Chair Lenora V. Powe, Council Members: Gerald L. Miller, G. Franklin Plyler, Bruce E. Rivers, Robert G. Cole, Crawford Moore, Anne Brumley, Kenneth A. Johnson, Robert G. Cole, Crawford Moore, Anne Brumley, Kenneth A. Johnson, and Clerk to Council Michelle Sellers. There were others attending the meeting who did not sign the sign-in sheet.

CALL TO ORDER AND PRAYER

Chairman J. Matthew Rivers welcomed everyone and Council Member Bruce E. Rivers asked Dr. Robinson to open the meeting with prayer.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Council Member Plyler made a motion to adopt the May 7, 2008 meeting agenda with approved changes. Council Member Powe seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. April 2, 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes

Council Member Powe made a motion to adopt the April 2, 2008 regular meeting minutes. Council Member Cole seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

SIGNING OF BONDS, PAYROLL, AND AUTHORIZATIONS

None

APPOINTMENTS

a. Ron Bartley – Northeastern Technical College President

Northeastern Technical College President, Ron Bartley, appeared before Council to introduce himself and to update Council on the current and future status of the College. Mr. Bartley stated that Northeastern Technical College will be offering more online classes and new programs.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

a. Megan Ard, Chesterfield County Coordinating Council

Megan Ard with the Chesterfield County Coordinating Council appeared before Council requesting that Council approve the Proclamation declaring the month of May as Teen Pregnancy Prevention Awareness Month. Council Chair stated that a motion would be made during the Announcements if it was in agreement with Council.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. Animal Control Ordinance Public Hearing

Council Member Moore made a motion to open the public hearing. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. There were no oral comments from the public made nor were there any written comments received.

Council Member Bruce E. Rivers made a motion close the public hearing. Council Member Brumley seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

ORDINANCE READINGS AND RESOLUTIONS

a. Highland Industries Fee-In-Lieu Ordinance(Fee-In-Lieu of Tax Incentive Agreement (given approval by Ordinance) – 1st Reading

Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve 1st Reading. Council Member Powe seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

b. Joint County Industrial Park Ordinance (Joint County Industrial Park Agreement Included (given approval by Ordinance)- 1st Reading

Council Member Plyler made a motion to pass 1st Reading. Council Member Bruce E. Rivers seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

c. Animal Control Ordinance Amendment – 3rd Reading

Council Member Powe made a motion to pass 3rd reading. Council Member Plyler seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

d. Wal-Mart Fee-In-Lieu Ordinance – 2nd Reading

Council Member Bruce E. Rivers made a motion to pass 2nd reading. Council Member Johnson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

e. Cash Rural Fire District Operations Budget – 2nd Reading

Council Member Powe made a motion to pass 2nd reading. Council Member Plyler seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

f. Harris Creek Rural Fire District Operations Budget – 2nd Reading

Council Member Plyler made a motion to pass 2nd reading. Council Member Cole seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

g. Alligator Fire District Operations Budget – 2nd Reading

Council Member Plyler made a motion to pass 2nd reading. Council Member Brumley seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

h. 2007-2008 Budget Amendment for General Fund – 1st Reading

Council Member Bruce E. Rivers made a motion to pass 1st reading. Council Member Moore seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. 2008-2009 Budget Update – Finance Chair Crawford Moore

Council Member Moore updated Council on the 2008-2009 Budget. Council has already passed 1st reading on this budget. Council Member Moore stated that as Finance Chair he has not received and concerns from the council members in regards to the budget.

Council Member Moore made a motion to declare a budget freeze for the remainder of the year. Council Member Plyler seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY COUNCIL

a. High Point Fire District Dues Increase – Council Member Bruce E. Rivers

On April 14, 2008 the Board of High Point Fire District held a public hearing at the High Point Fire Station to receive input on the proposed fire due increase from \$30.00 to \$50.00. After the public hearing the proposed increase was voted on and approved by a majority of the members present. The Board of High Point Fire District now respectfully request that Council place the new fire due on the tax notice of 2008.

Council Member Bruce E. Rivers made a motion to approve dues increase for High Point Fire District from \$30.00 to \$50.00. Council Member Johnson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY STAFF

a. Chesterfield County Tier Concerns- Cherry McCoy

Ms. Cherry McCoy appeared before council to address the modifications that might be affecting the Department of Commerce tax credit provisions as they apply to counties on the tier system. Under the new tier classes, Chesterfield County would move from a Tier I classification to a Tier II classification. This could greatly restrict the county's ability to attract industries to our county. It is recommended that letters be sent to delegation regarding Council's concerns over this change.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lenora V. Powe

None

Franklin Plyler

Would like to welcome Mr. Ron Bartley to Northeastern Technical College.

Crawford Moore

None

Robert G. Cole

None

Bruce E. Rivers

None

Kenneth Al Johnson

Council Member Johnson made a motion to proclaim the month of May 2008 as Teen Pregnancy Awareness Month. Council Member Plyler seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

Anne Brumley

None

Chairman J. Matthew Rivers

None

Gerald Miller

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council did not enter Executive Session.

ADJOURN

Council Member Cole made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

J. MATTHEW RIVERS, CHAIRMAN

MICHELLE SELLERS
CLERK TO COUNCIL

DATE: _____